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# Waiting for Kathi

I sit at a center,  
One collecting point for infinite directions,  
You are up in the air somewhere,  
possibly descending.

The plane follows an invisible line  
and the cord of connection stretches out  
from my mind and the ends of my fingers  
to you,  
up in the air  
somewhere.

All around me leavings and arrivings occur.  
A kid in a tie and a pale pink shirt  
clutches a few flowers  
wrapped in tissue paper  
and pierces through the glass wall  
to the empty, waiting concrete.

The beam of his eyes shoots forward,  
careening off obstacles  
in tangents that seek the beloved face.

Dark business suits, jeans  
a military uniform sharply creased,  
starched collars and tank tops,  
sandals and high-heeled pumps,  
intersect and diverge  
weaving strings across this sounding board.

What is the tensile strength of those fine cables?  
Distance does not diminish  
their power  
to pull,  
to hold,  
to resonate with music.  
The pitch changes  
but the plucked string will not break.

move toward me again for a while,  
a little while.